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THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS.

PART I. DNRO DESIRES FIRM COST AND SCHEDULE FOR FOUR NEW ARGON PAYLOADS AND PROJECT PECULIARS ON A FIXED PRICE BASIS. THESE PAYLOADS ARE TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE LAST ARGONS MANUFACTURED UNDER PREVIOUS PROCUREMENT. IN ADDITION TO THESE FOUR STANDARD ARGON PAYLOADS, DNRO IS WILLING TO CONSIDER SEPARATELY THE POSSIBILITY OF AN IMPROVED VERSION OF ARGON PROVIDED THAT SUCH A VERSION WOULD RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN USEFULNESS OF THE PRODUCT WITHOUT DEGRADATION OF PAYLOAD RELIABILITY OR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN COST OR TIME REQUIRED. CONSIDERATION OF THIS POSSIBILITY SHOULD INCLUDE USE OF THE EXISTING E-4 PAYLOADS, OR COMPONENTS, SUCH AS LENSES, FROM THESE PAYLOADS.

PART II. IN REGARD TO THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE FOR THIS EFFORT, DNRO ASSIGNS TASKS AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE DIRECTOR, NRO PROGRAM A IS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT, UTILIZING THE CCB METHOD OF OPERATION.

B. THE DIRECTOR, NRO PROGRAM B IS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION, UTILIZING A CONTRACTING OFFICIAL PERMANENTLY CO-LOCATED WITH DIRECTOR, NRO PROGRAM A.

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C. THE PAYLOAD IS TO BE HANDLED BY THE ASSOCIATE CONTRACTOR METHOD, FOLLOWING THE SAME PROCEDURE EMPLOYED IN THE LANYARD PROJECT.

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